

 Early Warning System

EBRD-55208

DFP - Project DeFacto

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Quick Facts

Countries	Egypt
Financial Institutions	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2025-11-04
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 24.96 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 24.96 million



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Project Description

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Provision of an EGP loan in the amount equivalent to USD 25m to DeFacto Egypt a subsidiary of DeFacto Perakende Ticaret A.S ("DeFacto Turkey"; the "Guarantor"; or the "Group").

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The Loan will support the expansion of the Borrower's operations in Egypt, involving expanding its footprint, advancing its digitalization initiatives, increasing local production through larger capacity of toll manufacturing at third party Egyptian apparel producers, and financing additional working capital needs resulting from growing operations.

TRANSITION IMPACT

ETI score: 64

Primary Quality (Inclusive):Through the EBRD's engagement, DeFacto has committed to increase its female workforce share in Egypt by 7 percentage points, from 23% to 30% (over a current total workforce of c. 735 employees). DeFacto will also launch a new internship programme across its stores in Cairo and Giza, as well as its Head Office in Egypt targeting university students and the programme aims for at least 35% female participation, thereby contributing to DeFacto's objective to increase its female workforce share and will be promoted through partnerships and job fairs with leading Egyptian universities.

Secondary Quality (Competitive):The use of proceeds of the Loan will support the expansion of the Borrower's operations in Egypt, involving expanding its footprint with approximately 20,000 square metres (up to 20 new stores), advancing its digitalization initiatives, increasing local production through larger capacity of toll manufacturing at third party Egyptian apparel producers, and financing additional working capital needs resulting from growing operations.

CLIENT INFORMATION

DeFacto Egypt for Trading ("DeFacto Egypt", the "Company", or the "Borrower") was established in 2013 and operates primarily as a trader of apparel products. The Company currently operates 29 leased retail stores across 9 governorates in Egypt.

EBRD FINANCE SUMMARY

USD 24,961,660.38

EGP loan equivalent to USD 25m.

TOTAL PROJECT COST

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Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	DeFacto Egypt	Client	Industry and Trade
-	-	-	-	DeFacto Perakende Ticaret AS	Parent Company	-



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